

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-13 (canceled)

Claim 14 (New): Apparatus for transferring flowable particulate material from one station to another, comprising a carrier for the material, and means externally of the carrier for moving the carrier between stations, the arrangement being such that the carrier and the means are not connected mechanically for movement of the carrier.

Claim 15 (New): Apparatus according to claim 14, the carrier comprising magnetic properties and the external movement means comprising a magnet may comprise a magnet

Claim 16 (New): Apparatus according to claim 14, the carrier being mounted in a housing.

Claim 17 (New): Apparatus according to claim 16, the housing providing a guide for guiding the travel of the carrier.

Claim 18 (New): Apparatus according to claim 16, the

housing providing a guiding travel of the movement means.

Claim 19 (New): Apparatus according to claim 16, the housing comprising a tube externally of which the moving means is mounted.

Claim 20 (New): Apparatus according to claim 19, including sensors disposed about the tube for determining the position of the carrier therein.

Claim 21 (New): Apparatus according to claim 14, adapted for passing fluid into the housing for cleaning the internal surfaces thereof.

Claim 22 (New): Apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the fluid is a liquid.

Claim 23 (New): Apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the fluid is a gas.

Claim 24 (New): Apparatus substantially as hereinbefore described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

Claim 25 (New): Material handling apparatus comprising a first station and a second station and apparatus according to

claim 14 for transferring floawable particulate material from the one station to the other.

Claim 26 (New):      A method for transferring flowable particulate material form one station to another comprising the use of apparatus according to claim 1.